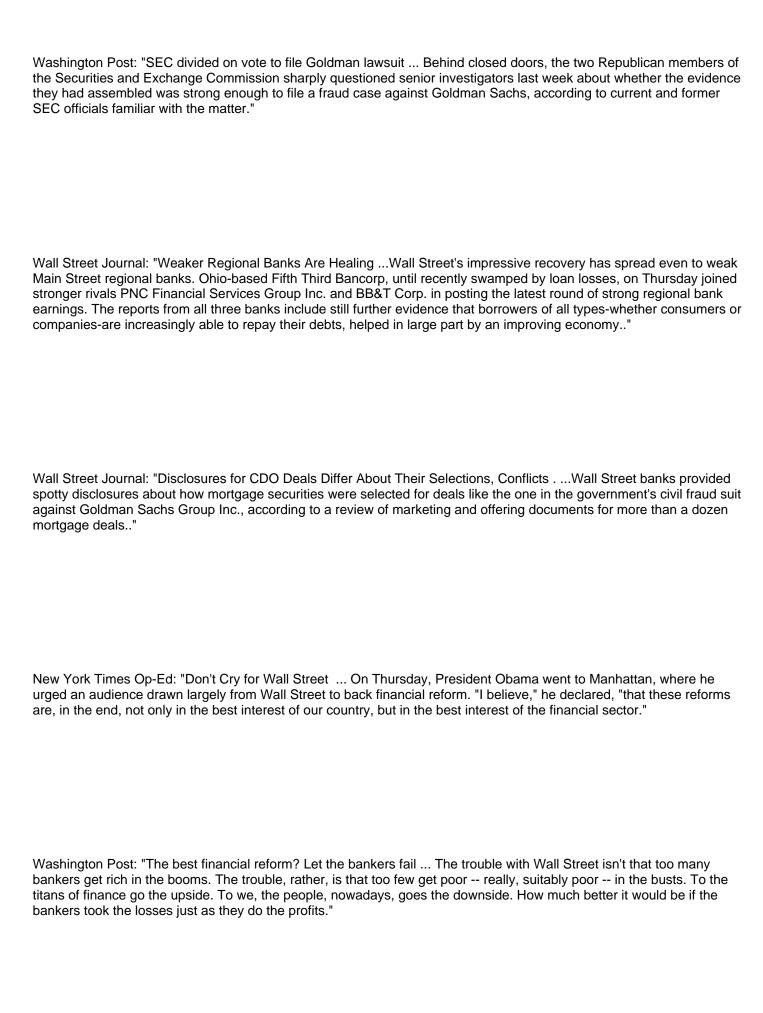
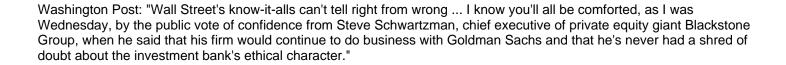
## FINANCIAL SERVICES REPUBLICAN MORNING CLIPS 4.23.2010

Wall Street Journal: "Finance Bill Climax Looms President Barack Obama used a Manhattan speech to urge top banking executives to back his sweeping overhaul of financial-market rules, while in Washington the bill gained steam as cracks in the Republican opposition improved its prospects in Congress.
New York Times: "Obama to Wall St.: ' Join Us, Instead of Fighting Us' President Obama took his rhetoric of reform on Thursday to the nation's financial capital in a high-profile foray to chide Wall Street bankers for their "reckless practices" and to press for tighter regulations meant to avert another financial crisis."
Washington Post: "Obama makes a strong case for financial reform President Obama's assertive stride into the debate on financial regulatory reform stands in marked contrast to the messy health-care battle that consumed most of the past year. It also represents a crucial part of a political strategy that at least so far appears to be moving a bill through Congress more easily."
Wall Street Journal: "Credit Raters' Emails Show Concerns New documents from a congressional inquiry shows the tense relationship between credit-ratings firms and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. as they structured risky deals like the one featured in the recent fraud allegations against the investment bank."
New York Times: "Documents Show Internal Qualms at Rating AgenciesIn 2004, well before the risks embedded in Wall Street's bets on subprime mortgages became widely known, employees at Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, were feeling pressure to expand the business"





Washington Post: "How Obama found his mojo on Wall Street ...The politics of financial regulatory reform are simple. After the meltdown and the bailout, many Americans -- perhaps most Americans -- are inclined to see Wall Street as predatory and all-devouring. Striding into the lion's den and calling the beast to heel, as President Obama did Thursday, was a move without a downside."